



# JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

A NON-PROFIT TAX-EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ID #54-1139623

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jai Jinendra!

On behalf of Executive Committee, I take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continued support and participation within the community.

I would like to welcome and congratulate our newly elected Trustees - Harshid Shah and Sushil Jain. Words cannot express our gratitude towards departing trustee Manojbhai Dharamshi. After decades of dedicated service to strengthen the foundations of our community in Metropolitan Washington area and serving as a trustee of our organization, Manojbhai Dharamshi has decided to make way for young people to come and take part in management of our Society. He will continue to lead as the Chairman of the Fund-raising committee for our new temple. Thank you very much Manojbhai for your selfless dedication to our Temple and our community.

I would like to welcome our newest member of executive committee, Tapan Shah, who is joining us as Director of Publication. We are thankful to Tejas Doshi for his hard work and diligence as the Director of Publications.

This year, with the help of Presidents Council and Executive Committee, we appointed following members to represent JSMW for the year 2014. Sharad Doshi, Harshid Shah, & Prakash Mehta will serve as JAINA Directors. Tapan Shah and Kamlesh Shah will serve as UHJT representatives. Congratulations to newly appointed leaders.

We will celebrate Mahavir Janma Kalyanak (MJK) on Sunday, April 27, 2014. MJK committee is hard at work with its preparations. All Pathshala students will participate in this event along with several adults. This will be an excellent program to attend and join our new generation in celebrating Bhagwan Mahavir's Janma Kalyanak by showcasing their talents.

I am happy to announce a significant increase in the number activities at our Jain Center. We are now conducting monthly Snatra Pooja, Abhishek, Devshastra Guru Pooja, Pathshala for kids and adults. Please check the calendar of events on our website at [www.jainsocietydc.org](http://www.jainsocietydc.org).

The Jain Center belongs to all its members and ownership comes with certain responsibilities. Volunteering and making financial contributions to our temple should be an integral part of us. I encourage everyone to actively participate, volunteer, and donate generously to our community efforts.

We are partnering with YJA to host 2014 YJA convention in our Metro area (July 3rd - July 6th). This convention will be attended by more than 700 young Jains from all over North America. Please volunteer and donate for this 2014 YJA convention. If you have any questions about this convention please feel free to reach out to me.

Please send me your suggestions/comments for improvements in our services to the community to [president@jainsocietydc.org](mailto:president@jainsocietydc.org)

Paresh Shah, *President*

Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington

## A MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Jai Jinendra,

After a very long, cold winter, spring is finally here. More and more activities will start in every aspect of our lives. Let us not forget that every day we have been given on this earth is a true blessing. For the year 2014, our President along with the members in the Executive Committee have all planned several events and activities at JSMW. We would encourage active participation in all the events and request that you lend a hand by volunteering when possible.

Our new Temple project is also moving forward in full swing. As we all are aware, there is no such thing as "too much financial resources or volunteer help", we encourage everyone to join the cause and assist in any way they can.

***Remember this is our Temple, our community!***

Gita Shah, *Chairperson*  
JSMW Board of Trustees

## NEW TEMPLE UPDATE

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- We have received proposals from six (6) A/E firms and two (2) civil engineering firms.
- These proposals are currently under evaluation by Construction Committee and the technical evaluation is expected to be completed by 29 March 2014.
- The committee will open the price proposals on 30 March 2014 and will shortlist three (3) design firms.
- Recommendation report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees & Temple Committee for approval by 3 April 2014.
- Approval & Finalizing of three (3) short listed firms is expected to be completed by 6 April 2014.
- The shortlisted firms will be invited for making presentations on 12 April 2014.
- The design firm for the temple project will be finalized following the presentations on 12 April 2014.
- Letter of Intent (LOI) will be issued to the successful design firm by 19 April 2014.
- The design firm principals will be invited at the Mahavir Jayanti program.
- Three (3) demolition contractors visited the site on 22 March 2014.
- Two (2) proposals received from Sompura Architects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Mahavir Jayanti – Janma Kalyanak Celebration - *Sunday, April 27, 2014***

On April 27, 2014, we will be celebrating Bhagwan Mahavir Swami's Janma Kalyanak, a very auspicious day for all Jains. Our celebration will feature stage performances by our children, followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. If you wish to participate in the dinner, you are requested to RSVP by April 20, 2014 with the number of attendees (Adults and Children 5-15). Please RSVP through one of the following:

- Website: Register at [www.JainSocietyDC.org](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org)
- Phone: Send a text message or call any one of the following people:
  - Jatin Shah at 703.926.7451 or
  - Pragnesh Shah at 301.305.4261

<b>When:</b>	Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 1:30 PM
<b>Where:</b>	Laurel High School 8000 Cherry Ln., Laurel, MD 20707
<b>RSVP:</b>	Please RSVP by April 20, 2014

We are still looking for a sponsor for the Mahavir Jayanti Swami Vatsalya Bhojan (dinner). We hereby encourage and request a donation of \$5500 from one family or \$501 per Family from eleven (11) families to sponsor the Swamivatsalya Bhojan. The cost for the Swamivatsalya dinner is around \$5500 and the executive committee will make all arrangements for the food. Please contact Paresh Shah at 571.357.5769 if you are interested in sponsoring the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan.

If we cannot get a sponsor, members sending RSVP by the deadline (April 20, 2014) will be required to make a minimum contribution of \$10.00 per person (age 5 and above). We will make arrangement for extra food to accommodate guests and members who have not sent their RSVP by the deadline. Such individuals can participate in the dinner by contributing a minimum of \$12.00 per person.

### **Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Video & photo set DVD:**

Stage program video and photos set will be available for small donation of \$15. DVD request forms will be available at the registration desk. You can also go online and submit a form at <http://goo.gl/R52qze> or contact Janak Rajani at 410.998.9786. Orders will be taken till May 20, 2014.

We would like to thank Manohar Hedge, Manan Shah, Bhavesh Shah & Rajesh Rao for donating videography and photography expertise, time and all the raw materials for DVD production. They are preparing DVD for this event. All proceeds from this sale will be used towards our Pathshala.

### **DC Central Kitchen - Saturday, May 17, 2014**

Over the last few years, more than 45 volunteers join together on this community service project. Once again, JSMW has agreed to **prepare Jain meal for 4,500+ needy and homeless people in DC-Metro area**. This means 4,500+ individuals will be eating Jain meals on this day (and not eating meat), saving the lives of countless animals (Giving them Abhay Daan).

We will save hundreds of lives by serving them JAIN FOOD. We talk and preach about our Jain Principle of Ahimsa (Non Violence) and here is the opportunity to put it in practice.

***If you wish to donate for the event, please make your donation payable to "Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington" and in the memo field please mention "DC Kitchen". Donations can be mailed to our address: P.O. Box 4548, Silver Spring, MD 20914.***

This is an excellent opportunity to perform community service, publicize Jainism to the mainstream, and volunteer services directly to the needy. Names of about 45 to 50 dedicated volunteers will be collected to help us prepare and pack the food. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bhupesh Mehta (bhupesh@bhupeshmehta.com) at 240.455.4524 or Nilesh Shah 410.531.6218.

<b>Event Date:</b>	Saturday, May 17, 2014
<b>Time:</b>	8:30am to 1:00pm
<b>Dress Code:</b>	Kurta, Salwar/ Long Pants, Shirt, Shoes No Sandals. No exposed mid-riff please.
<b>Address:</b>	The D.C. Central Kitchen 425 Second Street NW, Washington DC, 20001
<b>Phone:</b>	202.234.0707 Ext. 108

***Volunteers must be 12 years of age or above.***

***Please note: If you are in school, we can provide community service certificate to our youth to help them with their school community service requirement.***

### **YJA 2014 CONVENTION NEWS - Thursday, July 3 - Sunday, July 6, 2014**

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As hosts of the YJA 2014 Convention we are moving ahead full speed to bring the best convention to date in the Washington, D.C. area. Our current efforts are focused on working out the logistics for accommodations with the hotels and coordinating various activities which the youth will be engaging in during the convention. We have received an overwhelming response with 550 individuals from across the country who have already registered for the event in Phase 1. Phase 2 registrations will result in us being booked to our maximum capacity for the event. We are excited to witness the enthusiasm for so many young Jains from across the country for this convention.

Planning and executing an event this grand is a major undertaking. Given that metropolitan DC is generally more expensive than other demographic, this convention will be an expensive endeavor. We need the support of all Jains local to the DC area in terms of volunteers and donations. An official volunteer registration page will go online soon on our website. We are currently working with our IT team on that so we can begin to collect volunteers' information and organize logistics for their assistance. We also humbly ask for any monetary donations you can provide to help make our effort a success. We kindly ask you do not delay if you would like to contribute to the YJA convention, as we have started incurring expenses and the convention is not far out. We will need all the financial help we can get moving forward. Every little bit helps and YJA is most grateful to all donors.

- For donations please go to: <https://jaina.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=10127>
- For donations via check, please contact Pathik Shah at 240.281.2663 or [pathik55@outlook.com](mailto:pathik55@outlook.com)

The YJA thanks JSMW for its continued support with the 2014 convention.

## **PATHSHALA UPDATE**

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The JSMW Pathshala for the year 2013-14 had a great start with an enrollment of 157 students. Of those, 53 students also attend either Hindi or Gujarati language classes. These are conducted biweekly usually fall on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of from September thru May. Our team of team of 30+ enthusiastic teachers follow the JAINA curriculum emphasizing on the Jain way of life. With active parent participation & our dedicated teachers, we yearn to make each class a positive experience for the students at JSMW Pathshala.

Listed below please find the highlights of Pathshala activities thus far this year –

- Paryushan / Das Lakshan Parva Matrix and goodie distribution to all Pathshala students for collecting punya points
- Pathshala kids participation in the DC Veg Fest supported by JSMW and YJA.
- Diwali Aarti Thali Decoration Contest where kids performed "Samuha Aarti" in their own decorated thalis
- Presentation on "Halloween Candies - What we can eat and what we cannot"
- Gyaan Pujan
- Shatrunjay Patt Darshan on Kartaki Poonam

You can catch a glimpse of all above events by visiting Pathshala page of our website

- <http://www.jainsocietydc.com/Pathshala.asp>

***On account of the upcoming Mahavir Janma Kalyanak event, each Pathshala class has picked a theme based on what they have learnt. Students are building projects as per their class theme for display at this event. Please be sure to visit our Pathshala kids exhibit during the MJK event to honor and encourage their hard work.***

Lastly, we wanted everyone to know that we do get AND listen to a lot of feedback that comes from you. We try our best to implement these ideas and suggestions when possible and will continue to do so. We encourage you to keep this flow of ideas coming.

Please contact Megha Doshi at [education@jainsocietydc.org](mailto:education@jainsocietydc.org) for questions/ suggestions.

## ON-GOING EVENTS

Following are the details of the ongoing programs at the Jain Center:

- Bi-weekly Sunday School Pathshala from September to May. Please contact our Director of Education, Megha Doshi.
- Adult religious classes are also held in parallel with Sunday School. Please contact Dr. Atul Shah at 301.274.0319, or Pravin Dand at 301.384.3367 for more information.
- Kesar/Chandan Poojan each Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
- Monthly Snatra Pooja (Sundays) - 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch.
- Dev Shastra Guru Pooja on 1st Sunday of each month - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

NEW TEMPLE DONATIONS			
Shah Associates, M. D. , P. A.	\$35,000	Hitesh & Falguni Doshi	\$2,000
Manu & Bina Shah	\$6,000	Vijay & Khushali Chheda	\$1,500
Jagat & Shila Shah	\$5,001	Jatin & Parul Jain	\$1,251
Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	\$5,001	Niren & Jaya Nagda	\$1,001
Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$5,000	Dinesh & Devyani Sheth (Shri Corporation)	\$1,001
Ashok & Pallavi Shah	\$5,000	Divyang & Kina Shah	\$1,000
Bhupesh & Pallavi Babu (Babu Builders)	\$5,000	Mahaveer & Anitha Nabiraj	\$1,000
Hemin & Dipali Shah	\$5,000	Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$1,000
Jayesh & Parul Mehta	\$5,000	Subhash & Arti Choxi	\$1,000
Paresh & Shilpa Shah	\$5,000	Umit & Sonal Shah	\$1,000
Pragnesh & Neeta Shah	\$5,000	Vinaykant & Jyotsana Shah	\$1,000
Pragnesh & Sonal Shah	\$5,000	Gunvanti Bhavsar	\$501
Satish & Mayuri Shah	\$5,000	Jayvanti Shah & Nipa Shah	\$500
Bhavesh & Chhaya Shah	\$3,000	Rita S. Jain	\$151
Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta	\$3,000	Pramathesh & Minaxi Broker	\$216
Jatin & Ami Shah	\$3,000		
Gulab & Rekha Shah	\$2,501	<b>\$1,000 FOR 1000 WOMEN</b>	
Navin Vora ( Sona Graphics Inc)	\$2,501	Kanu & Jyoti Doshi	\$1,000
Ravindra & Manju Kasliwal	\$2,500	Puneet & Mamta Jain	\$2,002
Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$2,000	Tejas & Sangita Doshi (Kanubhai Doshi)	\$1,000
Ashok & Mina Shah	\$2,000		

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Donation report from November 16, 2013 to March 15, 2014	
GENERAL DONATIONS	SPECIAL DONATIONS
<i>(Swapna, Paryusan, Pratikraman, Snatra Pooja, General Donation, Mangal Divo, Aarti, Shantikalash, Gyan Pujan, Bhaktambar Pooja, Uvasaggharam Pooja, Jiv Daya, Swamivatsalya &amp; Earmarked Funds)</i>	<i>(Pooja, Aayumbil, YJA &amp; special events)</i>
	Saurabh Dalal \$1,001
	Heman & Bela Gandhi \$1,000
	Rajesh & Sujata Vora (Reema Consulting) \$1,000
	Nilesh & Manna Shah \$501
Bhupesh & Yash Mehta \$2,754	Chetan & Sonal Ajmera \$500
Ajit & Shilpa Shah \$2,151	Pareesh Shah (College of Healthcare) \$200
Dilip & Leena Parikh \$2,100	Manchand & Nirmala Maloo \$151
Satish & Mayuri Shah \$1,555	Jatin & Parul Jain \$101
Sanjay & Sangeeta Shah (Atul & Aruna Shah) \$1,500	
Ashok & Mina Shah \$1,452	<b>PATHSHALA</b>
Mrugesh & Jasmili Majmudar \$1,001	<i>(Lunch Sponsors &amp; miscellaneous donations)</i>
Pareesh & Shilpa Shah \$653	Nirali Shah \$310
Harshid & Hemangini Shah \$451	Rohit & Rajni Jain \$300
Yogendra & Rupa Sheth \$252	Pinkesh & Minal Shah \$200
Ashok & Pallavi Shah \$251	Vivek Arora \$160
Nitesh & Tanuja Shah \$201	Pankaj B Shah \$151
Pawan & Nisha Jain \$201	Vishal Jain \$150
Rashmi Doshi \$201	Sheel & Tejal Lodaya \$150
Hetal Shah \$182	Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah \$150
Hitesh & Jyoti Shah \$172	Pareesh & Shilpa Shah \$150
Allap & Sheetal Shah \$132	Mitul B. Shah & Padma M. Shah \$150
Shilpa Udani \$112	Kalpesh & Komal Shah \$150
Arnav Kasliwal \$101	Jignesh & Nehal Goda \$150
Suresh & Puneet Jain \$101	Jayesh & Parul Mehta \$150
Nilesh & Manna Shah \$101	Jay & Rakhi Jariwala \$150
Hasmukh & Sudha Shah \$75	Jatin & Ami Shah \$150
Sailesh & Mona Shah \$71	Jaiminibahen Shah \$150
Mukesh & Neeta Mehta \$70	Gautam & Dhruvi Shah \$150
Rajesh & Sujata Vora (Reema Consulting) \$63	Divyang & Kina Shah \$150
Manjuben Dalal (Saurabh Dalal) \$51	Deepak & Reema Jain \$150
Mukesh & Neeta Mehta \$30	Bhushan & Abha Parekh \$150
Advanced Database Technologies, Inc. \$25	Bhavesh & Ketki Maisheri \$150
Ram & Usha Subramanian \$25	Ashish & Jalika Tolia \$150
Naren & Datta Khona \$21	Allap & Sheetal Shah \$150
	Sharad & Sonal Doshi \$120
<b>NEW MEMBERSHIPS</b>	Deepa Gaikwad \$120
Kapil & Richa Shah \$100	Bijal & Jigisha Shah \$100

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Program
Saturday, April 5	Snatra Pooja
Sunday, April 13	Abhishek, Mahaveer Bhagwan, Mahavir Jayanti
Sunday, April 13	Samuhik Ayambil - Ayambil ni Oli
Sunday, April 27	Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Program
Saturday, May 17	JSMW - DC Kitchen
Thursday, July 3 - Sunday, July 6	YJA 2014 Convention
Monday, July 21 – Thursday, July 24	Tarlaben Doshi's Lectures
Wednesday, August 6 – Tuesday, August 12	Nirmal Sagarji's Lectures
Friday, August 22 – Saturday, August 30	Paryushan by SamirBhai Shah
Saturday, August 30 – Monday, September 8	Daslakshan Parva
Thursday, October 23	Diwali
Friday, October 24	Nav Smaran
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day Ayambil
Sunday, December 7	Tentative Annual General Body Meeting and 2015 Election